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THE WAR.

INVASION OF NATAL.

THE ENEMY NEAR
LADYSMITH.

FIGHTING AT ACTON
HOMES.

The news from South Africa becomes more startling with each succeeding message from the seat of war.

According to Reuter's Pietermaritzburg correspondent, the Boers are raiding on the Upper Tugela, and it is believed that fighting has taken place at Acton Homes—a familiar name which calls up memories of the attempt made by Gen. Sir C. Warren to pierce the Boer ranks during the series of operations that ended with the disaster on Spion Kop. Acton Homes is a few miles to the south-west of Lady-smith.

It is scarcely likely that the Boers raiding on the Tugela are Botha's men. More probably they belong to De Wet's commandos, who are said to be co-operating with Botha in an irritation into Natal. It may be conjectured also that the enemy have come into Natal from the Orange River Colony through one of the numerous passes leading across the Drakensberg.

BOER RAIDERS ON THE
TUGELA.

Pietermaritzburg, Sept. 20.—Parties of Boers raided horses and cattle at Upper Tugela on Monday. It is believed that the Acton Homes garrison afterwards engaged the enemy. Details have not yet been received.—Reuter.

THE NATAL REVERSE.

HOW IT OCCURRED.

Pretoria (delayed in transmission).—On Wednesday last Maj. Gough, with three companies of Mounted Infantry and three guns were operating between Utrecht and Dundee, and while watching the advance of a force believed to be under the command of Botha, advancing towards the Natal frontier, he was surprised and overwhelmed by a force of Boers largely superior to his own. From a second account, it appears that he sighted a party of the enemy about 200 strong near the Blood River. He believed that they had halted, and that they were unsupported, and he accordingly advanced and pressed forward. Before reaching his objective, however, he found himself outflanked by another party of Boers, who are believed to have been the main body of Botha's force, and whose number was between 600 and 700. Their close proximity had been quite unknown to Maj. Gough.

THE BRITISH FORCES consisted of about 200 men, and of these only about 25 escaped. Maj. Gough himself getting away at night under cover of darkness. The breech-blocks and sights of the guns were damaged so as to render them useless before they fell into the hands of the enemy. Stewart who, with the Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, was moving forward to co-operate with Gough, found himself threatened by superior numbers, and seeing that there was danger that he might be surrounded turned back, managing safely to cover his passage to a drift on the Buffalo River. Central News.

THE CAPTURE OF GUNS NEAR
PRETORIA.

The Pretoria Waterworks, whence the captured guns and escort, mentioned in Lord Kitchener's despatch, started off on the south side of the town, only 24 miles from Church-square. This is the second mishap to U. H. battery. In the memorable engagement at Anna's Post on March 31, 1900, U. H. battery lost one gun, several men killed and wounded, and 120 prisoners.

FIGHTING WITH SMUTS.

Middlebury (Cape Colony), Sept. 20.—The commandos of Smuts and Van der Venter and another commando were engaged by Col. Munro on the 12th inst., and driven south-west towards Dordrecht. Small parties of Boers are trekking in the Cradock district, and a party of the enemy recrossed into the Orange River Colony on the 13th inst.—Reuter.

TREASON SENTENCES.

MORE LENIENCY.

Kimberly, Sept. 20.—The Treason Court here has passed the following sentences on rebels:—Marthinus Lötter and Field Cornet Campbell, life imprisonment; Gert Cloete, Assistant Field Cornet, three years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

IN ORANGE RIVER
COLONY.

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rifle ammunition, 16 saddles, and found the country he traversed clear some hours. The Boers have no provisions. The men of Hartog's commando, who have been living principally on springbok, have a small supply of grain, which had been buried. Hartog, Nienhoudt, Laetgen, and Uys are trekking in search of horses and supplies.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

The latest reverse is the more serious, happening, as it does, within 20 miles of Pretoria. The military authorities have evidently been lulled into a sense of false security. They seem to have been under the impression that a wide ring had been cleared around the capital. The present danger is intensified by the hostile attitude of many residents both in Pretoria and Johannesburg.

THE MOVEMENT IN NATAL is also full of the elements of danger to British arms. The Boers operating at Schep's Nek are the advance guard of a force whose probable intention it is to invade Natal by the middle drift of the Tugela, and an attempt on the tunnel at Laing's Nek is possible. Further movements in the neighbourhood of Harrismith and Albertina are likely, and the recent reverses will probably stimulate the Cape Colony raiders to renewed activity in the north-west, north-east, and central districts.

DISTRIBUTION OF WAR MEDALS

Maj.-gen. Gossett, commanding the Dublin district, distributed South African medals yesterday to about 20 men of the 7th Co., Imperial Yeomanry. The ceremony took place in the lower yard of Dublin Castle in the presence of a large number of spectators. Maj.-gen. Gossett, addressing the men, said the Imperial Yeomanry had done good service during the two years of crisis, and among them the Irish Yeomanry were always well to the front.

SPIES IN CAPE TOWN.

ARREST OF A WAR OFFICE CLERK.

Cape Town, Sept. 4.—Some sensation was caused yesterday among the hundreds of military and civilian clerks employed at the Cape Town Castle—an old Dutch structure used as the local War Office—by the arrest of one of their number by the military authorities. The man is a civilian clerk, and has been in the Imperial service about a couple of months. He is a German, but his name has not yet transpired. The arrest was effected just after the uncheon hour; in fact, the man was upon the point of sitting down at his desk when he was unceremoniously marched off under escort to the guard-room, to the no small astonishment of the rest of the employees. As all civilian clerks are now subject to military law, this man will be tried by general court martial, and is

LIABLE TO BE SHOT.

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fronted with claims for as much as £70 and £80 without being in possession of any papers by which they can be verified, and delay has necessarily resulted.

A GOOD RESPONSE.

The special demands made by the War Office for recruits have, says a correspondent, been well met. In London the returns have gone up largely, especially for the Brigade of Guards. The Irish Guards are rapidly being brought to the full standard of strength. A new feature of recruiting is the enlistment of men for county regiments in outside districts—for instance vigorous recruiting is going on in Manchester and Liverpool for the Duke of Cornwall's L.I., whose depot is at Bodmin.

BOUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Among the passengers by the Norman Castle, which left Southampton yesterday for the Cape, were the Hon. H. Wyndham, Lieut.-col. J. Macnamara, Maj. G. E. Hall, and a number of other officers and doctors for the front, and the following S. African cricketers: A. Bissett, M. Hathorn, and J. H. Sinclair.

LATEST CASUALTIES.

DEATH FROM DISEASE, ETC.

Royal Engineers 27th Supply Gev. W. Larion, gunner, wounded abdomen, Vryburg, Sept. 18. Imperial Military Railways: Pte James Daly, dysentery, Pretoria, Sept. 18. Thernayards M.L. 283 Pte Charles Huchard, gunshot wound, head, Springfield, Sept. 19. Pte. 800, Royal Engineers, Vryburg, Pte. 18. British S. Africa Police: Pte H. H. Stewart, Warden, W. H. Anderson, blackwater fever, Bellville, April 10.

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THE COBRA DISASTER MANSION HOUSE FUND PROPOSED.

The Mayor of Portsmouth, A.M. A. L. Emanuel, yesterday telephoned to the Lord Mayor of London pointing out that the loss of the Cobra was a national calamity, and asking him whether he could see his way clear to open a Mansion House fund in aid of the widows and children. The Irish Guards are rapidly being brought to the full standard of strength. A new feature of recruiting is the enlistment of men for county regiments in outside districts—for instance vigorous recruiting is going on in Manchester and Liverpool for the Duke of Cornwall's L.I., whose depot is at Bodmin.

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GRIMSBY STRIKE.

ATTITUDE OF THE OWNERS
ADMITTED BY THE ADMIRALTY.

The Grimsby Federated Owners will, now that there is adequate police protection in the town, get their vessels to sea as crews become available. Any Grimsby fishermen and engineers expressing themselves willing to go to sea on owners' terms will be gladly accepted, and given full police protection. If these do not come in, whenever a free labourer is available he will be accepted. The owners very definitely say they will not agree to arbitration, and it is very probable that from this moment the Federation will have no more communication with the men's organisation.

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THE DUCHESS AND HER HOOD.

An amusing incident, says “The Chronicle,” occurred at the McGill University while the degree of LL.D. was being conferred on the Royal visitors. Lord Strathcona, as Chancellor of the University, in investing the Duchess with the Degree, experienced some difficulty in passing the hood round H.R.H.'s neck. When, however, the hood was satisfactorily adjusted, Lord Strathcona smiled blandly, while the Duchess blushed charmingly. An amused flicker appeared on the countenance of her Royal partner, and, to complete the Duchess' apparent confusion, the spectators applauded uproariously.

The gorgeous red silk gown with the facings and linings of delicate pink, and the train with streaming tails of corded gold became the Duchess remarkably well.

THE COBRA DISASTER.

A court-martial concluded at Lichfield yesterday which investigated a case against Sergt.-inst. G. Hammer, 2nd Vol. Bata., S. Staffs Regt., who was charged with making false accusations against Capt. Marchant, adjutant 2nd Vol. Bata., S. Staffs Regt., knowing them to be false, in misappropriating money. —Prisoner pleaded not guilty.—Col. Omanney presided, and the prosecuting solicitor said the charges were the outcome of personal malice.—After a lengthy hearing prisoner was found guilty on one or more charges.

THE KING.

The King's new yacht, Victoria and Albert, will leave Portsmouth to-morrow afternoon, and cross the Channel to Flushing, and will then, on Wednesday morning, embark the King and Queen and Princess Victoria. The Victoria and Albert, escorted by the Osborne, will then leave for Port Victoria, where their Majesties and the Princess will arrive some 10 hours later, to take up residence here as First Secretary of the British Embassy. He is expected to leave Egypt in the latter part of October to enter upon his new post.

SIR RENNELL RODD PROMOTED.

The Rome correspondent of “The Pall Mall Gazette” says:—It is generally understood in the diplomatic world of Rome that Sir Rennell Rodd, who has won golden opinions in the British Foreign Office by his work in Egypt and Abyssinia, is shortly to take up his residence here as First Secretary of the British Embassy. His

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A WOMAN'S FEAT.

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Address: G. Hunt, 132, Clarendon-st., Hove.
Norman W.—Last heard of at 111, Broad-st., Northampton, Ontario. Mother in Kent.
Address: Mrs. Lockyer, 66, Edgehill-road, Kent.

Russell—Lived at White-hill, 20 years ago. Niece Agnes seeks him.

Officers of the 1st Coldstream Guards—Last messenger to the head of a Capo, Town 19 years ago.

Brother John seeks Address: 1, Gloucester Buildings, St. George's-road, Southwark.

Morris, Ethel—Lived name known to America. Husband—Hubert Morris, 67, Mayfield-road, Battersea.

Marsh Ethel—Last heard of about two years ago in Bristol. Cousin James Lewis, 7, Bowes Mtn., Bexleyheath.

Albert—Last heard of at 17, Thorold-st., Ilford, Essex.

Henry—Of Nettlebede, Somersby, last heard of 10 years ago in Wellington, New Zealand. Sister Edith Weston inquiries: 33, Sion-nd., Northgate, Holmester.

Goodings, Eliza—Native of Norway, less than 10 years ago. Address: 1, Caversham-nd., Marlow-nd., Northgate, Cheshire.

Davies, Charles—Left Bristol 12 years ago. Aunt Mary inquires: Address: 42, Abergavenny.

Baker, Hannah—Last heard of at 18, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dec. 1894. Father and son seek: Address: 17, Theobalds-nd., Clerkenwell.

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Williams, Mrs. (nee M. A. Carter)—Last heard of in Bethnal Green, London, last year: Address: 11, Oliver-st., Plumstead, London, E.8.

Story, Jane (otherwise Hobgob)—Last heard of 10 years ago. Niece, Mrs. E. M. Mawson inquires: Address: 52, Abbott-st., Holme, Knight, Bexleyheath.

Ward, Mrs. —Last heard of at 18, Harrow, Redford, Middlesex, last heard of 1882. Brother Henry seeks: Address: Uplyme House, Harrow, Bedfordshire.

Coleman—Supt. J. Coleman, late 12th Lancers. Last heard of in 1872. Friend seeks: Dredge, Fred—Last heard of in London 18 months ago. Mother and sister inquire: Address: F. Dredge, Gas Works, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Baker, Hannah—Last heard of at Whalley Range, Manchester, 1880. Sister Martha Jones seeks: Address: Mrs. M. Jones, 1, Lower Terrace, Norden Canes, near Cheadle, Staffs.

Doling, Thomas—Of North Shoreham, 1891 London in the year 1857 or 1858. Sister seeks: Address: Mrs. Ann Ade, 2, Trinity-lane, Wood Green, N.

Perry, James William—Left London 36 years ago, last heard of in Sydney, N.W. Mother seeks: Address: E. Stanton, 20, Finsbury Park, N.

Eddy—William Eddy, in 1872 a clerk at a Paris railway station; and Esther Eddy, married with friends at Brighton at the same time, are inquired for by cousin C. F. Eddy.

Jones, John—Of London, engineer, last heard of at Sydney, N.S.W., about 21 years ago. Nephews and nieces seek: Address: Emily Jones, 130, Finsbury-square, New Cross, London.

George—Is inquired for by his mother: Address: E. Stanton, 20, Finsbury Park, N.

Marshall, William—George Alfred, and Charlie—Kraatz E. Marshall, care of R. E. T. Tingay, Palmerston, North Wellington, New Zealand, seeks.

FOUND.

Ellison—David Henry Ellison, c/o Post Office, Gomshall, near Dorking, wishes to hear from his daughter Minnie, who recently inquired for him in this column.

The inquirer for Fred Hatchelor, of the R.V., should write to his and the latter's sister, E. Hatchelor, Silverdale, Alexandra-road, Farnham, Hants.

PELICAN CLUB RAID SENTENCES.

At N. London Sessions, Alfred Elman, Ernest Hart, Benjamin Baker, Wm. Williams, Wm. Alfred Nokes, and Chas. Miles pleaded guilty to having been concerned in the management of a disorderly house, known as the "New Pelican Club," Denmark-st., Piccadilly-circus.—His lordship ordered Elman six and Hart four months' imprisonment in the second division; Baker was fined £50, or four months; Williams and Nokes £25, or three months; and Miles £15 or two months.

Maj.-gen. Sir H. Trotter will present war medals on Sept. 25, in Kensington Park, to members of the Volunteer service companies of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regt. and, East Surrey Regt. The men to be decorated belong to the 3rd (Bermudian), V.H. Queen's, 4th V.H. Queen's (Newport), Kennington Park, 1st Surrey Rifles (Camberwell), and the V.B. East Surrey (St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction).

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CHAPTER XXXI.
THE GAY CITY.

Every city has its prototype in a woman, disrowned as she is, still a queen ruling through the magic influence of a great past.

Vietoria is the grand lady, haughty and aristocratic.

Madrid, an ancient dower devoted to the traditional eccentricities of a bygone age.

London may be compared to a busy housewife

more or less for grace than for gain;

Paris is the daughter of joy, the hostess of nations, charming, insatiable, dangerous.

Her power lies

in the attractions she can offer, and her doors stand open night and day

to entice the unwary. Bright, sparkling,

alluring, she is most terrible when most beautiful.

Like Circe she

can change men into beasts, into

things lower than the beasts. She is a modern Babylon, making drunk the nations by giving them drink from the golden cup of her iniquity.

Paris is the daughter of Sin

—a name of five letters—spells

pleasure, ruin, death.

Leaving smoky, homely, matter-

of-fact London, Anthony was dull and dispirited. Not even the amorous con-

sideration of Major Larry could please

him, but as he scouted the idea

that he would be held in the flesh by

the Count, he began to feel a sense of

continuously assaulted, battled as

he had with a grunt of satisfaction, and lighted up.

Then, over a fresh glass of wine, he

yielded to her instincts, only retired

when a natural revulsion led her to

contemplate her wicked life with the

horror it deserved.

Anthony was now beginning to grasp the reasons of

Agnes in sending him to Paris. Here

he would see a degraded copy of her-

self; he would behold in the flesh the

kind of creature she might become,

did her courage fail her for one mo-

ment. Much as he scouted the idea

that he would ever cease to love

Agnes, the young man knew very well

that hereafter he would always associate

her with Luis. Twins physically,

they were also twins mentally,

and placed in the same circumstances

would develop the same feelings.

Luis in Apple Tree Town might ap-

pear as good and holy as Agnes;

Luis in Paris, might break beyond

bounds and become a Queen of Sin

like Luis.

Environment was every-

thing, and it was no doubt for this

reason that Agnes remained in

country seclusion, or haunted the

vile den of the East End where vice

reigned.

And—evidently judging by her eyes

—she was a splendid woman, with

dark hair, dark eyes, and a

dark complexion.

She was a woman of

great beauty, and a woman of

great power.

She was a woman of

great mystery, and a woman of

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OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

The fair and ancient city of Winchester is celebrating with legitimate enthusiasm the "millenary" of King Alfred. I don't know if the shade of "England's Darling" reads his "People" (he was great on reading).



A NEW VERSION OF KING ALFRED AND THE BURNING CAKES.

(you know) with the regularity I could desire; but if he does he should long ago have ceased to wonder at the changes which have come over this country in the past thousand years. While, however, we moderns are justly proud of our marvellous edifice of progress, let us remember, in a spirit of humility, that its strong foundations were laid, ages ago, by our ancestors, of whom, assuredly, none was more good and great than King Alfred. Therefore, "Let us now praise famous men and our fathers who begat us."

On Tuesday last the troops of the Allied Powers finally evacuated Peking, and the Chinese capital was restored to its natural owners. That it well that we should be of Peking is, I take it, a proposition which nobody outside Bedlam would venture to dispute; but I am sorry that the ceremony of restoring the car to the Chinese should have been carried out in such a way as to make the Chinese people believe that the whole thing has been done by command of the Emperor, and not in spite of him. There is something to my mind, highly exasperating about the spectacle of Prince Ching warmly thanking the British troops for protecting the Palace, and promising to bring their good conduct to the notice of the Emperor. Confound Ching's Celestial impudence!

After the Fifteenth, we were told, all sorts of things were going to happen in South Africa, that date being, as you will remember, the appointed day for carrying into effect the terms of Lord Kitchener's last proclamation. Well, the Fifteenth has come and gone, and the enemy are more active than ever. I am neither surprised nor disappointed at that. We have issued too many proclamations, we have threatened the Boers too often, and we have never punished them enough. What we have just got to do now is not to threaten but to thrash them, to treat them to less menace, and more mailed fist. Just look at the figures of Lord Kitchener's last despatch. In seven weeks, only 846 Boers have surrendered, whereas 2,234 have been captured, 316 killed, and 160 wounded. That shows the difference between the value of talk and of action.

Talking of war and the way the British Army makes it, we all remember the extremely nasty tone which German military critics have adopted in speaking of the South African campaign. According to these extraordinarily wise warriors the British officer, from Lord Roberts downwards, is a mere non-combatant, totally incompetent to solve the problems of modern scientific warfare. It is, therefore, with considerable amusement that I learn that, in the course of the German manœuvres at Dantzig, the defending army has been completely wiped out by the invaders, having tumbled into a trap in a way which resulted in its absolute annihilation according to the rules of the game. The Kaiser is said to have been furious, and to have given his Generals a piece of his Imperial—and imperious—mind. I hope they enjoyed it. It must have been what our mutual friends, the French, call a bad quarter of an hour.

Half a dozen noble ladies have made an earnest appeal on behalf of the South African Field Force Fund, to provide Christmas presents for our gallant and sorely-tried troops. "A pipe and tobacco, a pair of socks or handkerchief, a small plum-pudding, a Christmas-card and a small house-wife" these are to be the contents of Tommy's Christmas parcel, and highly acceptable they should be, though whether the "small house-wife" will be a complete substitute for the "little things he leaves behind him" at home is another matter. Well, ladies and gentlemen, here is your chance, and you may take it from me that, if you do just a little something, however little it may be, to make Christmas happy for the man who is trying to mop up your country's mess on the veldt, your own Christmas will be the happier. The Countess of Derby, Knowles, Preston, will be glad to hear from you.

The Registrar General's statistics show that nine people died of smallpox in London last week as against seven in each of the two preceding weeks. The disease has appeared in Llanfair Grove, and large numbers of children living thereabouts attend the Board School in the immediate neighbourhood, any number of whom may have already been infected. Nevertheless, I believe it is a fact that, at the time at which I am writing, the School Board have not yet sanctioned an inspection of the school. If this be so—though I am reluctant to believe it—the Board are exhibiting either an indifference to their responsibilities or a dread of the anti-vaccination cranks which is extremely discreditable.

WILL WORKMAN.

I am sure every working man and all true friends of his are sorry to hear of what has taken place at Grimsby. After 12 weeks of great distress, privation, and, in some cases, starvation, borne with the greatest patience, the Grimsby fisherman broke out into rioting and smashed the offices of the owners' federation, as well as the secretary's house. Of course, this was a great mistake, although it is easy enough for people who have never felt the pinch to talk about what men should do and what they should do under certain circumstances.

On Tuesday, the day before the riot, the men had sent a letter to the owners to say that they were willing to return to work on the employers' terms, providing that the whole question should be submitted to an arbitrator appointed by the Board of Trade. Nothing could have been fairer than this. Whether or not the masters would have agreed to it we don't know, but we must not forget that up to now whenever arbitration was suggested they have absolutely refused it.

While the men were waiting outside the Federation offices on Wednesday for an answer to their letter, they were told that "outside labour" was being imported into the docks to get the ships to sea, or, in other words, men not belonging to the union, and willing to work for less wages than its members, were being smuggled in to deprive the regular workers of their living. But even then we were told that there was not the slightest idea of violence until one of the Federation officers came outside and laughed and jeered at the hungry and anxious crowd.

Then the stone-throwing began. We know it was the wrong thing to do, but how many of us would not have done it? Fancy 3,000, or 4,000 men who for three months had seen poverty and misery creep over their wives and children worked up to desperation by the news that their places were being taken from them. Can we wonder that they broke out into violence when they saw a representative of those that they (rightfully or wrongfully) considered had caused all the trouble, mocking and jeering at them?

But this is what I want all those who did me the honour to read my little article: not only to consider but to act upon. There are to-day in Grimsby at least 20,000 men, women, and children without the common necessities of life, many of them actually starving. The town is doing its best to meet the emergency, but the job is too big for them. The Rev. Richard Meddings, vicar of St. Andrew's, Great Grimsby, and head of the Water-side Mission, asks for outside help. Don't let him ask in vain. You can either send it on direct to him, or else to the "Grimsby Famine Relief Fund," "Daily Express" office, 17, Tudor-st., London, E.C. Don't be afraid to send because you can only send a little. If it is only sixpence it will help, and be acknowledged in the paper.

I cannot help smiling when I see once more that the anti-vaccinators have got another fright. Small-pox has broken out in Marylebone, St. Pancras, and one or two other places in London, and the anti-vaccinators are off on the run to get vaccinated. I see in one case a man who is well-known at Hyde Park meetings, as a strong opponent of Dr. Jenner's discovery, has had himself and family vaccinated when two of his children were attacked. These anti-vaccinators remind one of infidels and atheists, who, so long as they are well and healthy, are never tired of spouting their unbelief; but let them get laid up, even only with a bad cold, and they are as quiet as mice. Their courage (like Bob Acres') "goes out of their finger-ends."

PIPER PAN.

In a week or two the autumn musical season will be in full swing. Before the promenade concerts terminate at Queen's Hall, the Saturday afternoon symphony concerts will have commenced, and performances by M. Ysaye, Signor Busoni, Herr Backhaus, and others. The Popular Concerts will commence at St. James's Hall on Oct. 26, though not under the direction of Mr. Arthur Chappell, who has retired. There will be three Richter concerts at St. James's Hall, and the usual series of ballad concerts there and at Queen's Hall before Christmas. On Oct. 4 the famous Sons band opens at the Albert Hall, where the Royal Choral Society's performances will begin at the end of the month. At St. James's Hall on Nov. 19 a recital will be given by Herr Kubelik prior to his departure for America.

If precedent is following some special music will certainly be written for the Coronation next year. It is supposed that the Coronation anthem will be composed by Dr. Creser, who is organist and composer to the Chapel Royal, and a suggestion has also been made that the "Te Deum," written by the late Sir Arthur Sullivan for the thanksgiving service to be held in St. Paul's on the proclamation of peace in South Africa, might be used. Another musical question mooted in reference to the Coronation is whether a "composer to the Court" should not be appointed to do for music what the Post Laureate does for verse. Of course, there is the Master of Music to the Court, the appointment being held by Sir Walter Parratt, but he does little more than conduct the King's private and State bands.

The Gloucester Musical Festival was brought to a close with a splendid rendering of the "Messiah," although the rendering of Sir Hubert Parry's "Job" on the previous day is considered to have been the finest performance of the week's feast of music. Both artistic and financial success have been won at Gloucester this year. One thousand more tickets were sold than at the last festival, and £250 has been collected for the Diocesan Clergy Charity. There was an unusually large congregation present when "Emanus" the new work of Mr. Herbert Brewer, the gifted young organist and conductor of the festival, was produced. Over 1,000 people paid a shilling each willingly to sit behind the organ screen, where they could see nothing, although fortunately able to hear well.

According to present arrangements, Mr. Grau's opera company will take part in a gala representation to be

given before the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York at Toronto, and afterwards proceed on a tour through Canada and the United States. The troupe will then return to New York, where the regular season will begin at Christmas. Mr. Edouard de Messaline "will be performed during the winter, besides M. Padewski's "Mauri." Madame Calvé heads the list of prima donne, and M. Edward de Reszke is also with Mr. Grau, but M. Jean de Reszke will not visit America this year.

It is reported that while recently staying at Prague, Herr Kubelik was visited at his hotel by his grandfather, an old man between 80 and 90, who had travelled many weary miles on foot to take dear little "Pan" some fruit, eggs, and butter. The veteran relative of the famous young violinist had carried the violin all the way wrapped up in a bandana handkerchief.

Sir Hubert Parry has met with a cycling accident at Gloucester while trying to save from danger a lady riding in front of him. The eminent musician injured his temple and was for some time unconscious, but is now progressing favourably.

I hear that the new opera by Mr. Edward German, which is eventually to succeed "The Emerald Isle" at the Savoy Theatre, is to be entitled "Merrie England." Mr. German has already commenced his work.

OLD IZAK.

Thames anglers have fared badly of late, the river being out of order for want of rain, a state of things which has prevailed almost everywhere.

This drawback is apparently at an end, for the Thames Valley was largely favoured by the rain of Tuesday last, when the average fall for the season must have been about made up. Better sport should now be obtained.

The fish taken during the past week were more noteworthy for numbers than for size. Small pike are reported from Twickenham and Teddington, in addition to roach, dace, and bream; trout and dace have been landed at Kingston, and a few barbel at Ditton. The tidal water in the Teddington district may now be relied upon for sport, and it is very probable that anglers fishing even much lower down (on a suitable tide) would have no reason to regret the venture.

Little noteworthy reaches me from the Lee, the upper stretches of which, in the early part of the week, were very clear and bright. The picture-esque little Stort seems to have fished better, and both will be greatly improved by the rains. The Cam, Weland, Stour, and other rivers, must also largely benefit, and at St. Ives and St. Neots the Huntingdon Ouse will doubtless yield sport.

Some good roach have been taken from the Canterbury Stour at Grove Ferry, Mr. L. D. Hyland having a nice basket, several of his fish scaling over 3lb. each, and the heaviest weighed 3lb. 9oz. On Sunday last a bleak cold wind prevailed nearly the whole day, sending the fish off feed, much to the disappointment of some of the London anglers, who had hoped to return with heavy takes, such as they have almost got accustomed to in the locality.

Shakspeare's Avon, largely patronised by anglers in the Midlands, has fished well. A fine pike, of fully 13lb., was recently caught near Worcester Lucy, and an excellent take of bream, comprising 12 fish, weighing 40lb. in all, is also reported. A movement is afoot to present Mr. Charles White with some tangible token of the respect in which he is universally held, and in recognition of the long and invaluable services he has rendered as secretary to the Birmingham and District Association, a post of honour from which he has just retired. That it will be a spontaneous and well deserved offering goes without saying.

The South London anglers open their series of winter visits on Thursday next, Sept. 26, with a concert at the headquarters of the Onglander Piscatorial Society, Onglander-rd., Ryelane, Peckham, S.E., when a great musical treat is promised. Mr. W. S. Carlwright, their popular hon. sec., gave a cordial invitation to all brothers of the angle, and the gathering is sure to be a large one.

High tides and dry weather have interfered much of late with fishing in some of the Norfolk rivers, and the sea anglers, for the time being, have had the best of it. There is good sea fishing now all along the east coast, and at Felixstowe, last week, quite an array of rods were to be seen, and small fish were frequently captured.

A porpoise or two disputed themselves at no great distance, and if big fish did not reward the anglers they had at least a bracing and enjoyable time.

High tides occur again at the week end, after the full moon.

It is extremely gratifying to find the Central and the Anglers' Association equally agreed in support of the movement in defence of the freedom of fishing in the Thames at Maidenhead, and a suggestion has also been made that the "Te Deum," written by the late Sir Arthur Sullivan for the thanksgiving service to be held in St. Paul's on the proclamation of peace in South Africa, might be used. Another musical question mooted in reference to the Coronation is whether a "composer to the Court" should not be appointed to do for music what the Post Laureate does for verse. Of course, there is the Master of Music to the Court, the appointment being held by Sir Walter Parratt, but he does little more than conduct the King's private and State bands.

Thanks to the Lambeth Water Works Company, their large reservoir at East Molesey was netted last week by the Thames Angling Preservation Society, and not less than two tons of fish placed in the neighbouring parts of the river in consequence. Among them were pike up to 9lb. each, an enormous number of roach (nearly all measurable), and a quantity of small perch. William Milburn, one of the oldest of Thames fishermen, who has assisted at many similar nettings, affirms that he has never before seen so many fish landed for at every haul the nets were full.

There was little time for notification, and Mr. H. W. Higgins, hon. sec., deserves to be congratulated upon the arrangements so well and quickly made.

The work was entirely carried out under the supervision of the Thames Angling Preservation Society's officers, Mr. J. V. Eye (head keeper), being in charge, assisted by H. G. Moffatt and W. Milburn (assistant keepers), and Mr. Clarke, Messrs. Lovett and G.

Bryan, of Chertsey, G. Wright, of Shepperton, J. Puddifoot, of Shrubbury, and W. Douglas (late head keeper), also rendered efficient aid. Great assistance was very kindly given by Mr. Dowra, jun., son of the contractor to the company, and to each and all of these the hearty thanks of anglers fishing that part of the river are due. There are no riparian claims at all in the 17 miles of river under the society's protection, and the fishing is entirely free throughout. The society depends entirely upon voluntary contributions for its funds, of which it gets too little, and every penny it receives is expended upon the preservation and restocking of the river.

The United Brothers, of Deptford, are to the front again. They have provisionally voted £1,000 to the Andrews Defence Fund, and are regular upholders of Thames preservation. They have now two pegged-down matches to fish, one with the Greenwich Anglers at Pangbourne, on Oct. 20, and another with the Junior Piscatorial at Tilbury, on Nov. 17, so that they may well be said to look ahead. A leg of mutton supper only is at stake, but a challenge shield will be there if the first match is won. Mr. W. J. Wade (Central Association) has undertaken to umpire in the case.

A perusal of my recent notes will

show that I have had sent me several interesting specimens, and I hereby return thanks to my many readers who have so kindly forwarded them, but at the same time I should like to say a few words (which I hope will not be resented) about the packing of them. Many of the specimens, although sent of alive, have reached me dead and, in some cases, squashed beyond all recognition, whilst others have been sent off being kept for several days after death, and have arrived in an almost putrid state. Stronger boxes (tin or preference) in the former case, and a speedy despatch as soon as death occurs in the latter, would ensure more trustworthy information being given on the objects sent, and would obviate the necessity of opening some of the packages near, and disposing of in the dust-hole.

THE ACTOR.

I note that the text of Mr. Haddon Chambers's play "The Awakening," and of Captain Marshall's piece, "The Second in Command," is about to be issued to the public in volume form. There has been a great revival of this sort of thing of late. Mr. W. S. Gilbert set the example in the present generation, and it has been followed notably by Mr. Pinero, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, Mr. Stephen Phillips, and so forth. Even Mr. Carton has made a beginning with "Liberty Hall," and Mr. H. V. Esmond with "One Summer's Day." Many, of course, have published their plays separately through the agency of Mr. French.

There are those who fancy that the publishing of the text of plays is quite a new thing. It is, of course, as old as the hills. Common in the later Elizabethan and early Caroline days, it was almost a matter of rule with English playwrights in the eighteenth century. It was, indeed, a source of emolument to which every dramatist looked forward. A playwright's gains from the representation of his work were then comparatively small, and he looked to publication to remunerate him for his labours. Theatrical history is full of cases in which a play did better with the booksellers than with the managers.

Some people, apparently, have been quite shocked at the idea that Mr. Stephen Phillips should contemplate playing on the subjects respectively of David and Bathsheba and of Mordred and Esther. It so happens that in both cases Mr. Phillips has been anticipated. George Peele wrote a play on David and Bathsheba somewhere towards the end of the 16th century. A drama of which Esther was the heroine was produced at the Pavilion Theatre, London, in 1593, among the other characters being Vashti, Mordecai, Haman, and Abasuerus. The piece was called "Esther, the Royal Jewess, or the Death of Haman," and perhaps it would not now be licensed. Who knows?

"The Undercurrent," at the Criterion, having been compressed, now goes excellently well. It must be difficult for a dramatic author whose strength lies largely in his dialogue to know when it is time to leave off. The temptation to let the characters indulge freely in bright, smart talk must be very strong, and proportionately difficult to resist. In "The Undercurrent," as originally set forth, there was more dialogue than the structure could safely bear, and so Mr. Carton at once set to work with the blue pencil, and with the best results. The experience, no doubt, will not be lost upon him. He will take the hint.

It is announced that, under the new management of the Princess's, "pop-up-prime" will reign. That is to say, the stalls will be raised instead of 10s., and the other seats will be priced in proportion. Why should a stall at a West End theatre invariably cost half-a-sovereign? Because the managers are afraid of losing prestige, if they lower their prices. Society expects to pay its 10s., and does not grumble; and it is on "Society" that so many managements rely for support.

"Melnotts" is the title of a forthcoming comic opera, founded upon the story of "The Lady of Lyons." It will be interesting to note the spirit in which the librettist has performed his task. Has he preserved the romantic element in the play, or has he turned the whole work into ridicule? The best existing skit on Bulwer's work is that which Mr. Herman Melville wrote, and in which Miss Nelly Farren appeared. The prose, dialogue, and the interpolated lyrics were alike richly funny.

MR. WHEELER.

It has been frequently said that the public interest in cycle racing has completely vanished, but the number of spectators present at the Crystal Palace last Saturday should prove that there is still a good "gate" to be got for a good meeting. It was the multiplicity of mediocre gatherings that caused the public to grow weary. Certainly, Saturday's programme was about as good as it could be, and the racing excellent throughout, although the match of Polytechnic versus the Rest of England, which is well known now, resulted in an easy victory for the Polytechnic Club, which is undoubtedly the premier racing organisation of England, a position it has held for a considerable number of years, although, in days gone by, it had a formidable rival in the Catford C.C.

There is some talk of the revival of the old idea of allowing amateurs and professionals to race against each other without the amateur forfeiting his amateur status. Should this come to pass there would undoubtedly be a considerable revival in interest in cycle racing, but the fear of competition which would arise with other sports governing bodies would lead to the abandonment of the scheme if it is brought forward again. It is a feature of these competitions which led to the idea being thrown out when it was

brought forward some four or five years ago.

Those of my readers who have not yet taken their holidays, and who are in want of a good place as a seaside headquarters, might do worse than pay a visit to the little town of Bognor. The roads in the vicinity of this place are super-excellent for cycling, and the points of interest numerous. Goodwood, Arundel, Petworth, and Chichester are all near at hand, and have reveries and quantities of purple or black velvet. Three rows of similar velvet trim the skirt, and the pockets to the coat are piped with velvet. The skirt is cut to a convenient walking length to just clear the ground, and the fulness **WAIST-QUARTER COAT**.

Our governing bodies are in want of something to do, which would be of infinite benefit to cyclists living in London, they might turn their attention to considering whether anything could be done to compel the empty coal carts to pass through the streets otherwise than in close order. Why these carts deem it necessary to return home with the nose of the horse in the rear cart touching the tailboard of the cart in front I do not know, but this is the way they always elect to return to their yards. It is an uncommon sight to see three, or even four, coal carts following one another so closely as to present a complete barrier to any cyclist who may be emerging from a side street. It ought to be possible for the police to have instructions to see that they do not follow each other at a less distance than, say, 20 yards, so that cyclists who want to cross the line of traffic could do so with comfort. As they now travel in our dress than of yore when the dictates of fashion are carried out, as the hat and coat will match the costume.

I hear from Paris that coloured veils are to be worn, but they must be carefully chosen to match the complexion, else they are absolutely ugly. Fair women with rosy skins can wear blue, golden brown, or mauve veils. Dark women look best in red or ivory white. We will be less patchy in our dress than of yore when the dictates of fashion are carried out, as the hat and coat will match the costume.

Some of the new toques are of raspberry red or powder blue material covered over with thick long-haired "fuff." They are somewhat of the Tam o' Shanter style, and have a quilted pattern.

At the time of writing I hear that the home of the sport has challenged England to send a team against it, and the Northampton Cycle Polo Club has taken up the challenge, and is arranging a team to represent England in the International match.

The cycle trailer, which I was one of the first to draw attention to, has fairly caught on, and may be seen in use daily in all parts of the country. I am told that it has

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THE STAGE.

DRURY LANE.

In a brightly redecorated and partially reconstructed auditorium Mr. Arthur Collins, like the practical manager he is, solved the puzzling problem of increasing the holding capacity of the house by additional seats while giving more space, comfort, and safety to the sitters. It was just as well that the audience were thus placed quite at their ease, bodily, in the new chairs; kept in them as they were for 4½ hours by the inordinate length of Mr. Cecil Raleigh's new drama, "The Great Millionaire," with which the autumn season was started on Thursday. The marvel is that expert in stagecraft, like the playwright and manager, should, simply as a question of time, have not seen at rehearsal the necessity of a slacking use of the blue pencil, all the more that its free application for purposes of compression and condensation is all that is required to ensure

to his master's ruin and actually conduces to his insanity. The absconder sees in a motor car which, by a cinematographic effect of the background, is meant to be shown as in high speed travelling along a country road with a precipice beside the track, down which the car is precipitated. But owing to a defect in the mechanism the illusion is not produced, it being evident that it is the road which moves, and not the car.

In marked contrast to the gruesome starvation scene is the blaze of sumptuous luxury depicted in the gorgeous supper-room of the Carlton Hotel. The swagger of the millionaire about his wealth that it can buy everything, is, as he orders supper regardless of cost for the smart company of his guests, suddenly changed into amazement at the news brought him of the finding of his daughter, charged to horror at hearing that she is at the last gasp, fainted through his act.

As regards the slow and spasmodic progress of the play, that fault can, and no doubt will be amended by liberal excisions, but a more deep-seated imperfection is noted in the lack of comic element. The best acting in the piece, which really holds it together, is found in Mr. Fulton's millionaire—a vigorous portrayal of ruthlessness, passionate spite, followed by a revulsion to nervous intensity of dread and anguish lest his child should die, and his abounding secretarial effect his financial ruin. Linked with Campbell's career is the young Lord Deswood, who, dissipating his fortune as a gambler, is saved from desperation by the millionaire, because through him he hopes to find the daughter whom the peer finally makes his wife. The girl herself, alike in her squallor as a gipsy's foundling and in the scenes of her prostration and recovery from want, was enacted with winning simplicity and a youthful charm of natural earnestness by Miss F. Wilkinson, and Mr. Howard Russell gave a vivid sketch of a vengeful gipsy, and Mr. Farren Soutar enacted the young peer with distinction. Other parts in the piece were forcibly delineated by Messrs. Charles Allan and A. Bucklaw, the Mimese Henry Leigh, Dolores Drummond, Girdlestone, Merry (except as a gipsy girl) and Vane Featherstone.

ST. JAMES'S.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal were at home again, professionally, last Monday at the old address in King-st., St. James's. And it all seemed so pleasant in the nature of things when they were welcomed back with acclamations to the stage, from which, with Mr. John Hare in the good old time, the famous trio of players made the time good by their genuine art. Without blare of trumpets or réclame of any kind to herald them, the Kendals have returned, bringing with them from the country the pretty plaintive comedy of "The Elder Miss Blossom," in which, with much the same stage companions, Mrs. Kendal beguiled suburban audiences of their mingled smiles and tears when last in town. With the like result history now repeats itself through the scenes in which the most perfect and accomplished of English actresses simulates with womanly delicacy the flutter of joy stirring the tender-hearted middle-aged Miss Dorothy Blossom on finding, as she fondly believed, she is wofully beloved at last. The old maid falsely flattering herself with smirks of glee that she has captured a lover in a long-standing incentive of stage mirth; but no one could laugh at the poor maiden lady as depicted by Mrs. Kendal; the sympathy enlisted for her was too deep and grew the more so when the discovery that Andrew Quick's written offer of marriage was not meant for herself but for her niece came falling like a blight upon her heart. The evasions of feeling from jocund joke to soul-stricken disappointment flitting in light and shade across the face and half-uttered through the suppressed sob of the voice, was a triumph of illusive simulation, which, appealing to the emotions, wrung the hearts of the audience.

Mr. Kendal gave a manly rendering of Andrew Quick, making the most of the earlier humorous scenes. The girlish charm of the pretty winsome niece was well expressed by Miss Grace Lane, and Mr. Charles Groves, Mr. F. Fenton, Mr. Rudge Harding, Mr. Ames, and Mrs. Tapping, in their old parts, completed the excellent cast.

SUBURBAN THEATRES.

We are informed that the weekly matinées at the Camden, which were discontinued during the summer months, have now been resumed.

The 30th of this month is the date fixed for Mr. Isaac Cohen's annual autumn production at the Pavilion. Last year J. James Hawson's "For the Sake of a Woman" was not successful that Mr. Cohen again relies on the same author with "A Mark Man."

When the "Despatch Bearer" was first produced at Richmond we noticed it at some length, and its appearance at the Grand (Ealing) last week can only be chronicled. Capt. Esmond is now essayed by Mr. H. Percy, and Mr. W. H. Robertson is the Sir G. Stowry, while Miss Ada Marus is the heroine who suffers so much, and Miss Helen Layton is the love-headed American girl; while Mr. Creel Harry is Trevisan, one of the worst villains and most craven cowards we ever remember to have seen.

Everyone will wish success to Mr. Robert Arthur, who this week gives a turn to grand opéra at the Kennington Theatre, taking all the risk by guaranteeing all expenses to the Moody-Manners Co. It is a venture which merits warm-hearted support, and considering what an excellent company it is which is due at Kennington, the répertoire is worthy of patronage on its own merits. "Faust" will be given to-morrow, and the bill will be charged at every performance.

The "Night of Reckoning" by Miss Beatrice Lazarus, is a drama to come with is proved by the fact that it is now in its fifth year. It is due at the West London to-morrow. There are five sets of scenery, and an explosion is one of the features of the drama.

Mr. E. H. Bull's company in the successful comic opera, "The Thirsty Thieves," with the entire production from Terry's Theatre will be the attraction at the Grand (Fulham) this week for six nights, with matinée on Wednesday.

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THE MOLLOWAY EMPIRE.

The chief feature of the programme given last week, under the supervision of Mr. Adams, the manager, has been the appearance of the Six Brothers Luck. All pleasure-seekers, fond of a hearty laugh,

are pleased to see the six genuine brothers (for they really are brothers in flesh) once more near the capital, whose favourable verdict on this clever troupe of provinces has so far been unanimous.

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Mr. L. N. Parker's new play, entitled "The Cardinal," written for Mr. Willard, is to be produced at Montreal on Oct. 21.

The churchman in question is John D. Medici, son of Lorenzo the Magnificent, who became the famous poet, Leo X.

At the Coronet Theatre will be brought on Monday, 30th inst., by Miss H. A. Lytton, the new comic operetta entitled "Minette," founded on Ouida's "Lady of Lyons" with libretto by Mr. H. Shelley, for music composed by Mr. F. E. Town.

The heroine, Pauline, is to be played by Miss J. Casabon.

The recently upholstered Princess' Theatre, freshly upholstered, will again be opened to the public on Monday, 30th inst., with the presentation of Ouida's novel, "Wanda" renamed "The Sun of a Life," in which will be seen Messrs. Chas. Warner, Cooper, Cliffe, M. Mancini, and C. M. York; with the Mimese Kate Horke, Lancaster-Wallis, and Janette Steer.

"A Man of His Word" will shortly give place at the Imperial Theatre to the revival of Mr. Stanley Weyman's novel, "Under the Red Rose."

By Mr. Chas. Hawtry's own desire, the farwell supper to have been given him on Thursday by his friends prior to his departure for the States did not take place.

At the Court, "John Durfurd, M.P." ends its brief career, to be followed on Monday by a revival of "The Strange Adventures of Miss Brown."

Miss Katie Seymour, so long pleasantly identified with Gatti's burlesque, has just returned after fulfilment of her engagement in America, and has been at once engaged to appear at the Alhambra, presumably in the forthcoming new ballet, entitled "Gretna Green," to be brought out on Oct. 7.

Capt. Bassett Hood calls his new libretto for the next Savoy opera, the period of which is that of Shakespeare and Raleigh, "Merrie England." Scenes of the past are already in the hands of the composer of the music, Mr. Edward German. For the special Christmas afternoon performances at the Savoy, a fairy entertainment is being prepared, entitled "The Little Mermaid."

When "The Talk of the Town" has run its course at the Strand, it will be followed, on Oct. 2, by a new musical piece entitled "A Chinese Honeymoon," in which Miss Louis Freear will be seen.

Mr. Chas. Hawtry has accepted a play by Mr. Frank Clayton, called "The Spurs of Love," which he will probably produce during his forthcoming American tour.

Mrs. Tree and Miss Lily Hambury will both appear with Mr. Tree in "The Last of the Dandies," with which Her Majesty's is to be re-opened during the last week of October. The production to follow Mr. Fitch's comedy is Mr. Stephen Phillips' new comic play from the "Odyssey of Homer," "Ulysses."

To precede "The Night of the Party" at the Avenue Theatre Mr. Weedon Grossmith is preparing for immediate presentation a new one-act play by Mr. H. T. Johnson called "Between the Dances."

THE HIPPODROME.

When the handsome building in Cranbourne-street was first opened a lion show was perhaps the most remarkable feature of the entertainment, and since then a display importuning just that element of daring which is so attractive to an audience has generally found a place in the bill. Now we have a troupe of ten lions, and this time it is a lady, Middle, Claire Heliot, who shows what nerve and character can accomplish in the way of taming her will these fearsome and beautiful animals. Of course, the Hippodrome must have its exponents of the "hard scale," and the representative of the art of riding is now Rita del Leido, who is described, and not without justice, as the most brilliant equestrienne in the world.

The rink looks as though the two houses a night will soon revolutionise the walls of the variety entertainment world. Hall's which under the old plan proved to be poor speculators have, like Sadler's Wells (which was one of the first, if not the first, to inaugurate the new method), been converted under this later idea into "paying propositions." It is now stated that the Bedford, which is still closed, is likely to open next month, and here, too, we are informed, the double performance is to be instituted.

There are two particularly good sketches at the Royal Standard which are evidently much to the liking of the Prince of Wales.

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DRAMATIC & MUSICAL GOSSIPS.

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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

Sunday Morning.

I am sorry to see that I was right in supposing that the effect of Lord Kitchener's Proclamation would be very small, but what could you expect? Almost from the time when we first came in contact with them our dealings with the Boers have been marked by vacillation and utter failure to hold either to our threats or our promises. When the Transvaal was first annexed nothing could be stronger in its terms than the declaration of Sir Garnet Wolseley (as he then was) that it would remain British, and yet directly afterwards came Mr. Gladstone's miserable surrender.

It was too much to expect that the Boers should have forgotten this, and a dozen other incidents of the same sort, though of less actual importance, and naturally they do not believe now that the sentence of banishment from South Africa will really be enforced against their leaders. No doubt they say to themselves that, at the worst, the exiles will only have to wait until another Government comes in.

For the sake of our dominion in South Africa, and for the sake of our children's security, we must see to it that the banishments are really carried out, and that they are permanent. In no other way can we possibly get out of the hands of the Boers the conviction that British threats are of no account.

In the meantime I sincerely trust the Government will empower Lord Kitchener to take severe measures against the Boers.

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FOREIGN.

The Theatre Folies Bergères at Antwerp was completely destroyed by fire on Friday night.—Reuter.

A despatch from Washington says that, according to Gen. Wood, the independence of Cuba may be formally declared by May next.—Dalsiel.

Prof. Goldwin Smith has promised a donation of 10,000 dollars to the Toronto University as a tribute to King Alfred, the founder of his old University of Oxford.—Reuter.

Messrs. Lewis and Titus, who have been appointed to defend Czolgoes, have announced that they are ready to proceed with the case to-morrow.—Reuter.

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The loss of the "Cobra" is a small thing in itself, and if it were not for the terrible tale of gallant men gone to their account one might almost think it worth the loss of a ship to show how splendid was the heroism and discipline of the British man-o'-war's men. Whether he was guilty of an error of judgment or not, the way in which the Cobra's commander made his fate was worthy of the traditions of his glorious service, and that sailor who, rather than overcrowd the dining-hall, had the true heroic soul. You remember Rudyard Kipling's lines:

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A Petersburg telegram published at Paris asserts that M. de Witte, Russian Minister of Finance, has lost his former influence with the Czar, and may possibly ask to be allowed to resign his portfolio.—Dalsiel.

It seems to be the universal feeling of those who have taken part in modern warfare that the autumn manoeuvres of both the French and the German armies show that in neither country have the lessons of the South African war been taken to heart. In actual war with long-range rifles and quick-firing guns, the formations adopted would have led to the most appalling butcher's bill known since the days of Attila the Hun.

Indeed so obvious has this been, that there are not wanting persons who consider that the tactics adopted must be a blunder, and that far different ones will be employed when the cartridges are not blank. I cannot think that, because the experiment would be so dangerous as to be utterly foolish, while there is another very simple explanation. Mighty few officers in either army have ever seen a shot fired in anger, and practically none have seen men fighting with anything more formidable than the field-guns or the class-of. Some day the lesson which we have learned on the veldt will be taught them, but one shudders to think of what the cost of that teaching will be.

HAD THE MONEY AND SPENT IT.

At Brentford, yesterday, Thos. George, 21, carman, was charged with embezzling three sums of money amounting to £22 8s., the monies of his employer, F. E. Cameron, Prosecutor, who said he was coal dealer of Ealing, deposed to sending prisoner on 11th inst. to deliver three quantities of coal.

One customer, a Mr. D. Wakefield, should have paid prisoner £8s. 6d.; Mr. Eason, 2s. 4d., and Mr. Smith, 8s. 9d. Witness knew that these amounts had been paid, but prisoner had never accounted to him for the money.

Prisoner sent back the wagon and horses, but did not come back again himself, and witness had not seen him since until now.—Prisoner had the money and spent it.

Remanded.

The visit of the Czar to France makes for peace rather than otherwise, since the more influence he acquires over that excitable country the better able he is to prevent her from adopting a policy of adventure, and I believe the Czar to be a sincere lover of peace. The French are agreeably fatigued by the visit, which consoles them for much that they have been obliged to bear, and which, by putting them in a better temper with themselves, makes them less liable to break out. The fact that it will in all probability also induce them to unbuckle their pockets for a Russian loan was certainly not absent from the calculations of the Czar's advisers.

WIDE AWAKE.

Geo. Friend died in Dudley Hospital from injuries received in a collision with a steam roller.

Arthur Owen and Jno. Casey, cab owners, were remanded at Sheffield, charged with extensive robbery from the premises of a pawnbroker.

Ed. Hudson and Joe. Batson, 16, were remanded at Leeds, charged with stealing two ladies' bicycles from a shop which they had broken into.

Beatrice Evelyn Cheetham, 15, daughter of a postman at Swinton was suffocated by smoke from a fire in her bedroom. Accidental death.

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ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Vienna, Sept. 21.—Yesterday night between the stations Palota and Severine, in Rumania, a train freighted with petroleum, ran off the line, and cannoned against a rapid passenger train proceeding in an opposite direction. The petroleum wagons were smashed, and the petroleum thrown in torrents on the passenger train, took fire from the engine. The flames spread to the petroleum wagons. In a few minutes both trains were ablaze. Horrible scenes ensued. At present it is reported that 38 passengers and eight of the railway employees have been burned to death. A great Rumanian landowner, caught in the debris by his legs, offered a million florins to anyone who could face the fire and liberate him by cutting off his feet. It was impossible. He perished, swept over by the petroleum flames.

REGULARS v. VOLUNTEERS.

At Birkenhead, yesterday, a match was held between teams of the Guards Staff at the Camp and the 18th Middlesex Rifles, the conditions attached which were seven rounds at 200, 500, and 800 yards, N.R.A. regulations, by teams of 10 a side. Q.M.R.-sergt. Elwick captained the Regulars, and Sergt.-maj. Maldonado the Volunteers. The result was a victory for the Regulars, with an aggregate of 730 points as against 586 compiled by the Guardsmen, giving the former a majority of 73 points. On the winning side the highest individual score was that of Capt. T. W. Heath, 97, and on the losing side that of Sergt. Pridham, 89. At the conclusion of the contest the Guardsmen were entertained at dinner by the 18th Middlesex, by way of recognition of services rendered by the former to the latter for some years.

REGATTA PRESIDENT ROBBED.

The Metropolitan Police are investigating a burglary, which took place a few nights ago, at St. Helen's, Ham-

pton Wick, the residence of Mr. H. Fullam, president of the Teddington Reach Amateur Regatta. The thief obtained an entrance to the residence by forcing the catch of one of the kitchen windows, and confined their attention to the drawing and dining-rooms, taking away with them £150 of old silver, and treating with considerable care all plated articles they came across. Before leaving they refreshed themselves in the owner's larder. Mr. Fullam is offering £20 to anyone giving information that will lead to the recovery of the silver stolen or to the detection of the thieves.

KILLED BY A WRINGING MACHINE.

Mr. Baxter held an inquest on Gen. Fdk. Johnson, two years, son of an engineer's fitter, of Harcourt-avenue, Manor Park.—The mother deposed that on Friday last she was doing some washing in the wash-house, and had a wringing machine attached to the tub. Whilst hanging a sheet on the line she heard a bang and a splash of water. On going to see what happened, she found the deceased in the water, with the screw of the machine fixed in his head. Witness pulled it out, and blood flowed freely from the wound. After the injury had been dressed deceased was removed to the hospital, where he died a few hours later.—Dr. Phillibrook deposed that the skull was fractured and the brain lacerated.—Accidental death.

ISLINGTON HOOLIGANISM.

At Clerkenwell yesterday, John McCarthy, 23, blind fitter, Newhall-st., Islington, and Hy. Milton, 21, labourer, Dibdin-st., Islington, were charged with assaulting Chas. Clarke, at Shepperton-st., Islington.—Prosecutor, a timber merchant, said on Monday night prisoners and some six other men, members of a gang, set about him. McCarthy knocked him down and Milton kicked him, and he had received injuries which had laid him up, and would prevent him from working for a time. Witness had previously prosecuted a member of the gang for attempting to stab him, and previously to that he had prosecuted some of them for burglary.

He was known to the gang as a "copper's mark," because he had assisted the police, and he was constantly being molested. He had been threatened with stabbing if these men were convicted.—Dets. Hall and Smith gave evidence in support of prosecutor's general statements, and Mr. Bagshaw, describing the men as "Hooligans," sent McCarthy to two months and Milton to one month.

BEANFEASTERS AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Announcement was made yesterday by the clerk of the Surrey County Council that the following by-law had come into operation:—"If any person on any public coach or other public vehicle for the conveyance of passengers, or on any coach, brake, waggonette,

or other vehicle hired or used for the conveyance of pleasure parties and the like, shall ... own any horn, or use any other noisy instrument, or make or combine with any other person or persons to make any loud singing or outcry while passing through any town, village, or hamlet to the annoyance of residents, such person

shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £2 for each offence." The by-law, however, does not prevent the use of a horn in a reasonable manner by one person on a coach or similar vehicle.

It applies to all parts of Surrey except

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NAVAL DISASTER.**TORPEDO-BOAT DESTROYER SUNK.**

OVER 60 LIVES LOST.

ADMIRALTY'S REPORT.**SURVIVOR'S TRAGIC STORIES.**

The newly-built turbine torpedo-boat destroyer *Cobra* was wrecked on Wednesday morning off the mouth of the Humber and totally lost.

Sixty of her crew are reported drowned. There are only 12 survivors. The *Cobra* is a sister of the ill-fated *Viper*, the first of the turbine class, which was recently lost on the Casquet rocks of Alderney. When the disaster happened the *Cobra* was on her run from the Tyne, after leaving the contractors' hands, to Portsmouth.

The wreck occurred during a heavy gale.

At the end of this ill-fated trip the *Cobra* was to have been handed over to the Admiralty.

OFFICIAL REPORT.**THE SHIP BROKEN IN TWO.**

ONLY 12 ESCAPED.

The Admiralty on Thursday afternoon issued the following telegram, received from the Senior Naval Officer at Portsmouth, Sept. 19, 1901:—

Following received from J. G. G. Percy, chief engineer, H.M.S. *Cobra*, dated Middleborough, 9.35 a.m.:—

Report to report, H.M.S. *Cobra* struck on rocks on passage from Newcastle to Portsmouth. Ship struck amidships, and was broken in two.

Ship a total wreck.

List of men in dinghy: Barnes, P. O. (dead); Private, Thaylor, Hutchinson, and Chivers; Collin, Ashley, Warriorn, and Parson, and two fitters from Messrs. Parsons, Wallsend-on-Tyne—names, W. L. Blacklock.

The ship struck at 7.30 a.m., Sept. 18. Dinghy, with above-named men and self, picked up by P. O. and S. M. Harling, Capt. Young, for Middleborough, at 8 p.m., same day, six miles south-east of Budgen Lightship. Know nothing of other people engaged in *Cobra* for passage to Portsmouth.

A list of ranks and ratings in navigator party of *Cobra* will be furnished as soon as obtained from depot.

THE DEATH-ROLL.

The Secretary of the Admiralty has issued a list of the officers and men on board the *Cobra* at the time of the accident, from which it appears that the navigating party numbered 54, of whom 10 were saved and 44 lost. The others on board numbered 25, of whom 23 were drowned and two saved. The total drowned is thus 67, and saved 12. This is the most serious wreck in connection with the British Navy since the Victoria went down after being rammed by the Camperdown, when Admiral Tryon, 22 officers, and 336 men were drowned.

NO EXPLOSION.

We were, of course, frightened of an explosion, though the forward boilers were out, but it never took place. The screw had stopped, and most likely because the connections with the engine-room had been snapped when the boat broke in two. If they hadn't done so we might have all been mashed up with the screw, like the poor fellows in the Victoria.

A CRUEL DISAPPOINTMENT.

Altogether we were out about 11 hours. We had one cruel disappointment. Just about half-past four we saw a vessel—she must have been a foreigner, I think—and we signalled to her with a bit of cloth we had and shouted for all we were worth. She evidently saw us, and came up within about three-quarters of a mile. We were still shouting, but she suddenly put back on to her course and left us to our fate. It was some time after this that we saw the Harlington coming. I saw her a long way off and tried to reckon up the way she was coming. Fortunately, one of the men had a little pocket compass, and he handed it to Mr. Percy, who consulted it and told us how to row.

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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Capt. Dudding, H.M.S. *Galatea*, has been specially sent by the Admiralty to Grimsby to supervise the arrangements for the funeral of the *Cobra* victims. Capt. Dudding states that the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon with full naval honours, and that the officers and crews of the following ships would attend—*Albion*, Capt. Powley; *Hearst*, Capt. Storey; *Oxynx*, Capt. Oliver. The coffin will be placed upon gun carriages, and Col. Bannister, commanding the local artillery, has instructed the regimental band to attend. The coffins are to be covered with navy cloth, brass mounted. It is expected that the last and rites will be performed by the Rev. E. Bullock, Vicar of Grimsby, and that 1,000 service men will attend.

EDWARD R."

One of the most prolific writers of the last century has passed away this week in the person of Branbridge Heming, better known to the youth of three generations as "Jack Harkaway." He was eldest son of the late Empress Heming, Registrar of the Supreme Court of Calcutta, and Deputy-Lieutenant for Warwick. He was born in 1841, educated at Eton, and called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1862. While yet a student of the Temple he commenced his literary career. His chief d'œuvre was undoubtedly the "Harkaway" stories.

"Jack Harkaway" stories were written for the late E. J. Brett, in the "Boys of England," and was such a success that the first volume was followed by 19 others, in which the popular hero was taken to sea, college, among the brigands, pirates, and Red Indians, and, in fact, was successfully placed in almost every position that human ingenuity could conceive and the heart of boy desire. Mr. Heming subsequently received an offer from the late Mr. F. Leslie to go to New York and write a "Harkaway series" for the youth of America, which offer he accepted, and carried out successfully. Among his more pretentious works were "Eton School Days," "The Stockbroker's Wife," and "The Brighton Mystery." His favourite, however, was "Jack Harkaway."

A STEWARD'S SELF-SACRIFICE.

A pathetic story is told by the domestic steward with the navigating party. He says:—"Rushing on deck I met the steward, who, handing me a lifebelt, said, 'Look after yourself, my lad; I shall be all right.' When next I saw him he was floating dead close to the *Cobra*." The narrator of this incident says he prays he may never see such a sight as that presented on the deck of the wrecked vessel at the time the rush was made for the whale. Admirable discipline was maintained by the men of the Royal Navy.

INQUEST OPENED.

The inquest on the victims of the *Cobra* disaster was opened at Grimsby on Friday. After the identification of the bodies, Capt. Smith, of Drifit 13, said he and his crew saw the *Cobra* at the time of the disaster. The vessel appeared to break in two, the ends going up into the air. There was no explosion. They then picked up the bodies, then made for Grimsby and reported the disaster to the Alarm gong and the Customs. One body was identified as that of Thos. Boyd, a fitter employed by Messrs. Parsons, the engineers who supplied the machinery for the *Cobra*.—R.H. Barnes, fitter, Tynemouth; Ed. Lee, foreman fitter, Heaton, Newcastle; Ralph Richardson, foreman fitter, Gateshead; Jno. Bailey, fitter, Heaton; T. Hay, fitter, Heaton; Wm. Bates, fitter, South Shields; J. Blanchard, fitter, Rensham, Gateshead; W. T. Totten, fitter, Newcastle; J. Hamilton, fitter; J. Bailey, fitter, Wallasey; R.H. Mackenzie, seaman, Gateshead; J. Pancheon, apprentice fitter, Birkenhead; Geo. Spillitt, fitter, Birkenhead; J. W. Webb, fitter, Heaton; M. Edward, fitter, Wallasey; Jno. MacGregor, apprentice fitter, Heaton; R. Patterson, fitter, Rensham. A fitter named Crichton and an engineer named Dinning, who went round with the vessel for the trip.

THRILLING SCENES.

THE STORY OF THE WRECK. The story of the wreck as told by the *Birlington* is brief, but exceedingly tragic and touching. Chief Engineer Percy and a navigating party of 48 men had come up from Portsmouth to the Tyne to take on to Portsmouth from Messrs. Armstrong's works the torpedo-boat destroyer *Cobra*, which is said to be the ill-fated *Viper*. In addition to the ill-fated *Viper*, there were also aboard some 21 men employed by Messrs. Parsons and other contractors. The grand total, including stevedores, etc., was, it is stated, about 80 men.

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SWEDISH WEATHER.

The *Cobra* left the Tyne about five o'clock on Tuesday evening, immediately encountering terribly rough weather, which caused discomfort and anxiety. The weather continued severe all night, and on Wednesday, at 7.30, the ill-fated vessel was wrecked upon Gedgrave Rocks. It was evident that the only chance of escape, and that, in view of the weather, was a very small one—was to take to the boats. An order was immediately given to lower the boats, but this was only effected with considerable difficulty. One boat was swamped and its occupants were drowned before their comrades eyes. The

SCENE WAS HEARTRENDING,

men being swept to their doom by the angry sea. It is not yet exactly known how many of the five boats launched succeeded in getting away, but it is feared by the survivors saved by Captain Young that out of the whole crew of 80 souls they were the only ones saved. The majority of the navigating party belonged to the engine-room complement, and had a poor chance of saving themselves when the vessel struck.

AN ARTISAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Interviewed by a press representative J. Blacklock, one of the fitters from Parsons' works, said:—"At first nobody seemed to realize exactly what had happened, but even when she had broken up, and we did see that she couldn't last much longer, there was very little noise or bustle.

Instantly everybody was looking to the lifebuoys and the boats for means of escape. I saw the lightship straight off in a line with us, and I said to Patterson, 'Well, I'm going to swim for the lightship. Good-bye, Bobby, if I don't see you again, I am going to jump off and swim in the direction of the light, just as they were putting the big boat off, and I saw her go down. The sea swamped her, and as she went down the

SPURION DREW THE MEN IN,

and they sank like stones. Just as I was getting ready to jump I saw that a man had got a small dinghy out. I jumped off, and swam for about 12 strokes, till I reached the boat. We were soon full, with a half-dozen of us in the boat, and more hanging to the edges. Mr. Percy swam a long way and caught up with us. He had only an undersheet of wool on, and others of the men had little more. The men hanging on had a terrible time of it, but we could do nothing for them, only encouraging them now and again. We got them into the boat one by one, very slowly and carefully, for the least thing would have swamped her. Mr. Percy gave us all the encouragement he could, and we kept pulling on, while the others haled as hard as they knew how. The last I saw of the *Cobra*, a half of her sticking up in the air, plainly visible a long way off.

NO EXPLOSION.

The remains of Alfred Bryan, one of the victims of the disaster, were interred yesterday at Bishopsgateinthe-City Cemetery, Sunderland, of which town deceased was born. The body was brought from Grimsby, and a large number of townsmen were present at the interment. Deceased was a very promising electrical engineer, aged 23, employed by Messrs. Parsons. He was on board the *Viper* when that vessel was wrecked off Alderney a few months ago.

COST OF THE COBRA.

The cost of the torpedo-boat destroyer *Cobra* was £70,000. She was formally handed over to the Admiralty when the naval men took charge on Tuesday, and therefore the loss falls upon the Admiralty.

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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London, 2,442 births and 1,338 deaths were registered last week. The births were 211 and the deaths 78 below the average numbers in the corresponding weeks of the last 10 years.

The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes further fell last week to 16.0.

The 1,338 deaths included 9 from small-pox, 13 from measles, and 184 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Different forms of violence caused 48 deaths, concerning all of which inquests were held.

Of these 48 deaths, 6 were cases of suicide, and 2 of homicide, while the remaining 40 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,629 births and 1,839 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 23.6 and 15.0 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 83 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.3 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,026 persons in the middle of this year.

France exports 450 million sardines, weighing in all 20,000 tons.

The average weight of salmon caught in British waters is 8lb.

Germany has the record number of herring—108,000, against our 81,000.

A morning newspaper uses a million types in one edition, on an average.

England has suffered from 87 great famines in the last 900 years; Ireland from 34.

There were 128 telegraph stations in the United Kingdom in 1851. Now there are 6,000.

The fees for letters patent are, for a baronet, £100; an earl, £250; and for a duke, £250.

Ireland receives on an average a third more rain yearly, acre for acre, than the East of England.

145 million passengers travel yearly on the world's railroads. The average fare is 1s. 7d.

India grows 16,800,000 tons of rice yearly, and eats 15,700,000. All Europe eats only 2½ million tons.

The largest artesian well in the world is 16in. in diameter, and 654ft. deep. It is at Cerritos, in California.

It costs, on an average, £1,000 to bore for oil, and only one in five strikes oil.

The salt tax in France averages 6d. head for the population, that of Italy 2s. 4d.

Hospital death-rates average 6½ per cent. in Irish, 3 in English, and 2½ in Scotch hospitals.

The biggest round tower in Ireland is at Kilmacduagh, 108ft. high. There are 43 of them in all.

The most fatal explosion ever known was at Gravelines in 1853. Three thousand people were killed.

The 5,449 miles of Trans-Siberian Railway have cost 33 millions, and to finish the work 21 millions more will be needed.

In 1750 the average rental of British soil was 7s. an acre. It was 18s. in 1868, and has now dropped to an average of 15s.

An Englishman's drink allowance for a year is 2½ gallons of beer, one gallon of spirit, and two-fifths of a gallon of wine.

The labourer in the year 1400 got £1.6s. a year; in 1500, £1.11s. a year. This increased to £4.4s. in 1700, and now averages £20.

Out of 1,713,000 men who took the field in the Franco-German War, 33,000 were killed, 47,000 died of wounds, and 37,000 of disease.

British railways cost, on an average, £14,500 a mile to construct, carry 400 million persons yearly, and earn £3,300 per mile.

The cable between Dover and Calais, opened in 1850, was the first submarine cable. The next, laid in 1852, was from Holyhead to Dublin.

The worst epidemic of small-pox ever known was when the Brazilians lost 43,000 men, or 35 per cent. of their army, in the war against Paraguay.

Australia and England have about the same length of telegraph-wires; but Australia send only 54 million messages yearly, to our 82 millions.

The rental of Britain's 21,000 first-class mansions aggregates 14 millions, while the next 233,000 bring only 2½ millions.

The four million tons of hay grown in the United Kingdom are worth 16 million pounds, while France's 14 million tons fetch only 22 million sterling.

Fifty-seven in 1,000 British people belong to the professional classes; 162 are servants, 27 work in shops, 124 on farms, and 582 are classed as industrial workers.

Switzerland, with 48 postal packets for each inhabitant, comes second to the United Kingdom, which has 49. France and Belgium, with 36 each, hold third place.

At Cotta, in Saxony, persons who did not pay their taxes last year are published in a list which hangs up in all restaurants and saloons of the city. Those that are on the list can get neither meat nor drink at these places under penalty of loss of license.

Philip Baynton, insurance agent, charged at Brentford with forging and uttering three cheques on the 27th ult., thereby defrauding three Twickenham tradesmen of a total amount of about £25, was remanded, to be formally committed for trial.

A number of rich men in Vienna have formed a club, the chief object of which is to encourage marriage with poor girls. Any member who marries a wealthy lady will have to pay £1,000 to the club. This money is to be presented to some needy couple engaged to be married.

The Archbishop of York has fixed St. Luke's Day, Oct. 18, for the consecration in York Minster of Dr. Hardley C. G. Moule as Bishop of Durham. Canon Quirk as Suffragan-Bishop of Sheffield, and Canon Hoskyns as Suffragan-Bishop of Bristol.

Leo XIII. has written a letter of encouragement to the president of the Fia Angelico Monument Committee, Cardinal Pierotti, in which the following passage occurs:—"It is just and meet that a noble monument should be erected in his native country to the great artist, the celestial sunray of whose paintings appears more like the work of angels than of man."

The French warships D'Entrecasteaux and Pascal, with Admiral Hayle, arrived at Wel-Hai-wei on Tuesday in response to an invitation from Admiral Sir Cyprus Bridge. Every honour worthy of the ships which took so prominent a part in the recent crisis was shown the visitors, who have expressed themselves much gratified at the courtesy extended to them by the British Admirals.

A fine seal has been caught in a fisherman's net off Dover. Our ordnance factories cost the country £206,000 a year. Our 7,000 motor-cars in Europe, 5,600 belong to French owners. An ocean steamer carries, on an average, 21 times her own tonnage in a short space.

In the world there are 538 Protestant missionary societies, with 15,460 members.

8,000 men and 41,000 women are employed in lace-making in the United Kingdom.

The Norddeutsche Lloyd has resolved to establish a regular service between Bremerhaven and Cuba.

The United Kingdom has 142,000 miles of road, 18,000 of rail, and 5,000 of waterway.

Three per cent. of the able-bodied men of the Christian world make their living at sea.

The 16,000 Indians in Ontario, Canada, own £1,968,000 worth of property, or £123 a head.

News comes from Constantinople that the report of the assassination of the Khedive is declared to be unfounded.

The agents of several British firms at Manila have been arrested by the Philippines insurgents.

Arabi Pasha and his family sailed on Tuesday from Colombo for Egypt. A large crowd gathered on the jetty to witness his departure.

No less than 133 tons of waste-paper were collected and sorted by the men in the Salvation Army's Metropolitan Social Institutions last week.

The Mediterranean Fleet has returned to Malta after manoeuvres which are considered to have been successful.

Instructions have been given for his Majesty's new war sloop Hindal to be ready by Sept. 27, and to commission for active service.

Col. Collingwood, of the Army Ordnance Department, has been appointed Chief Ordnance Officer in the Salisbury Plain District.

At Kirby Laythorpe (Lincolnshire) Industrial Exhibition, Mrs. Milner, aged 102, secured the prize for needle-work.

The international exhibition of appliances for protection against fire at Berlin has closed with a deficit of £20,000, of which £11,500 is covered by the guaranteed capital.

Truffles are plentiful in Burmese; they grow on the roots of the khasing grass. A local newspaper says that they should be boiled and served hot.

While digging under a house at Moscow some workmen found a vessel containing 1,044 silver coins of the reigns of the Czars Michael Feodorowitch and Alexei Michaelowitch.

The anti-English agitation in Malta has reached such a pitch that a local paper suggests that the Maltese should wear deep mourning on the day of the King's Coronation.

General Booth has decided, before his departure for America, to open a home for inebriate men, licensed under the Inebriate Acts, at Thundersley, Essex.

The County Council of Lancashire has decided to make a special grant for the teaching of Chinese, in view of the large trade between the county and China.

Owing to the high wages paid at the Buffalo Exhibition many domestic servants have left their situations. Their places have been successfully filled by Chinamen, each of whom does the work of two servant girls.

The death occurred at Basnor, on Sunday, of Mr. Jas. Richards, a Welsh musical composer of note. He was 55, and was a voluminous hymn-anthem, and glee writer.

Naples is to have sea baths capable of accommodating 40,000 persons. They are to be supplied with hot and cold water, so that they may be enjoyed at all times of the year.

At Newport Wm. Gough, a coal trimmer, was knocked from a ladder by a crane while crossing from a steamer to the dock quay. He fell into the water and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

Most of the world's supply of furs comes from the Russian empire.

The hunters of Russia and Siberia annually capture 3,000,000ermes, 16,000,000 marmots, and 25,000,000 squirrels.

All natural waters contain a greater or less amount of mineral matter in solution. Rain water has the smallest percentage of solid impurities of any, and therefore it is taken as the standard variety of soft water.

There are said to be over 100 varieties of date-palm, all distinguished by their fruit, and the Arabic say that "a good housewife may furnish her husband every day for a month with a dish of dates differently prepared."

CLEARING A CRIME AREA.

The work of clearing away a number of the notorious slums and courts of the Borough was commenced this week. The clearance is in connection with the L.C.C.'s scheme for cutting a road behind St. George's Church in continuation of Tabard-street, and then across to Southwark Bridge-rid. The district has long been associated with the darkest chapters of London's criminal history, and one alley alone, Redcrose-court, was the scene of a dozen murders and innumerable minor crimes during last century.

LAST OF AN HISTORIC HOUSE.

The site of Wimbledon Park House, the site which has a history dating back to before the Domesday survey, is said to be sold by auction as land "naturally disposed for profitable building development."

The house has been rebuilt more than once, and most of its tenants have borne names which are bound up with English history. Among those who visited the place were Queen Elizabeth, James I., Charles I., and Queen Victoria. The late Queen was the guest of the Duke of Somersett in 1858.

A terrible accident has occurred near the village of Ozalj, in Croatia. A ferry-boat while crossing the River Kulpa, which was much swollen by floods, was carried away and driven on a water-mill. Of 23 persons on board only two were rescued.

A little islet has disappeared. The French Government has given notice that the islet marked on the chart in a position about six miles S.S.W. from the Beauvois Islands (Loyalty Islands) in the South Pacific, has disappeared.

Municipal engineers who have just completed an examination of Brooklyn Bridge report that there is only a narrow margin of safety, and that unless extensive repairs are undertaken at once a frightful accident may result.

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FOR LONDON CONVALESCENTS.

The trustees of the Frank James Memorial Home for Seamen at East Cowes, Isle of Wight, have offered the home to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London, on the understanding that the Fund will choose a London hospital requiring a convalescent home for its patients.

The home was originally intended for the benefit of aged seamen, to be chosen in addition to this offer by the trustees, Messrs. Arthur and William James have generously undertaken to endow the home to the extent of £20,000. The institution is to be called the "Frank James Memorial Home."

The offer cannot take effect until the termination of the war, as the home is now at the disposal of the War Office for convalescent soldiers from South Africa.

PEOPLE'S HEROES.—CLXVII.

PLUCKY BLUEJACKET.

We here give a portrait of Wm. Hunter, of H.M.S. Rambler, who recently performed a gallant deed which led him to a place among "The People's Heroes."

He was walking along Ramsgate Pier, when he saw two boys in difficulty in the water.

Our hero vaulted over the pier, and was instrumental in saving Mr. Moody and his two sons, who were being carried out to sea by the tide.

Mr. Moody had previously displayed his gallantry at Portland, for which he was awarded a silver watch.

Only 12 per cent. of those condemned to death in France are eventually executed.

French people eat on average 105 eggs a year, English 85, Italians only 48.

132 books have taken their titles from Shakespear's works, 40 of them from Hamlet.

According to scientists, not a single microbe exists in mountain air above the height of 2,000 feet.

Saturn's largest moon is 2,002 miles in diameter, slightly smaller than our own.

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ACCUSED HER HUSBAND OF STEALING JEWELLERY.

A remarkable story was related by a woman against her husband in London. Two well-dressed men, described as architects, named Ed Cocke, alias Edmund Leycox, and Harold Marsh, alias Marsh, and Marment, were charged with stealing and receiving four gold rings, two gold brooches, and other articles, valued at £25, the property of Harriet Emma Leycox. Prisoners are undergoing a term of three months imprisonment for a jewellery robbery.

Mr. Musket, addressing the magistrates, said accused was charged with stealing from his lordship's bed-room at the Walsingham House Hotel jewellry to the value of £50,000—at any rate, jewellery to that amount was missing, and none of it had yet been traced.

Prisoner, who was the Marquis of Granby, was a lecherous man, who had

been sent to prison for the

stealing of South-Eastern stocks as those possessed of South-Eastern will watch

with keen interest the progress of the arrangements for the new electric railway to Brighton. The surveys have been compiled by the engineer of the proposed line, Mr. F. H. Crosswright.

Mr. Musket had ample evidence to show the guilt of prisoner, but that was hardly the point.

NO TRACE OF THE MISSING PROPERTY.

The small court at Marlborough-st.

was filled this week, when Julian Ganit, the Marquis of Anglesey's French valet, aged 21, entered the dock to further answer the charge of stealing from the Walsingham House Hotel, Piccadilly, on Sept. 10, 40 scarfs, 40 gold rings, six gold watches, and other valuable articles of jewelery, representing in all a sum of £20,000, belonging to the Marquis.

At the previous hearing only formal evidence of arrest was given.

THE ARREST.

Det.-insp. Drew said he received a warrant for the arrest of prisoner on Sept. 11, and on the following night the warrant was executed at Dover.

Prisoner was brought to London

THE WAR.

BRITISH REVERSSES.

GUNS AND MOUNTED INFANTRY CAPTURED.

MISHAP TO LANCERS.

BRITISH OFFICERS KILLED AND WOUNDED.

The War Office on Thursday issued the following from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Sept. 18 (11.15 p.m.).—Eight

p.m. yesterday, three companies mounted infantry, with three guns, under Maj. Gough, were reconnoitring to the south of Utrecht from De Jager's Drift, in conjunction with Johannesburg Mounted Rifles, under Stewart Gough. Sighted enemy, about 300, retreating from Scheepers's Nek, on Blood River Poort, when he off-saddled.

Gough made for ridge overlooking a poort, asking Stewart, who was an hour behind, to co-operate.

Boer move was evidently a trap, for when within reach of objective Gough

was suddenly attacked in front and on right flank by Boers in considerable strength, from under cover of poort, and after severe fighting was overpowered, losing guns.

Their sights and breech-blocks were first destroyed.

Report to report Capt. Mildmay, 3rd Bata. King's Royal Rifles Corps, Lieut. Bata. King's Royal Fusiliers, 1st Bata. Rifle Brigade, and 11 men killed in action.

Capt. Dick, 2nd Bata. Royal Irish Fusiliers, severely wounded; Lieut. Farnell, 2nd Bata. Royal Irish Fusiliers, Lieut. Lambton, Darnham L.I., and Lieut. Price-Davis, King's Royal Rifles Corps, and about 25 men wounded.

Five officers and 150 men prisoners.

Stewart was unable to co-operate, and fell back on De Jager's Drift. His patrols from there to-day have not got touch of the enemy.

Gough and Capt. Crocroft, Royal Irish Fusiliers, escaped in night to De Jager's Drift, and report Boers over 1,000, under Botha.

An reinforcing Lyttelton.

French reports that Smuts, in order

to break through cordon of columns hemming him in, rushed squadron 17th Lancers at Eland's River Poort, to the west of Tarkastad, killing three officers and 20 men, names not yet reported, and wounding Maj. Sandeman, and 30 men.

Squadron fought most gallantly, inflicting heavy loss to the enemy, who, being dressed in khaki, were mistaken for our own troops.

Columns are close in pursuit.

SCENE OF THE REVERSE.

Utrecht is in the south-eastern corner of the Transvaal, and is close to the northernmost portion of Natal.

It is directly south of Wakkerstroom.

TWO MORE GUNS LOST.

ESCORT SURROUNDED AND CAPTURED.

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SCOUTS SURROUNDED

GALLANT CHARGE THROUGH THE ENEMY.

Standerton, Sept. 14.—Yesterday at Platrand, a party of Menné's Scouts followed 50 Boers for some distance when they were attacked and surrounded by a commando 200 strong.

The Scouts, led by Capt. Barker and Hodgkinson, charged through the enemy, the combatants shooting at close quarters as they galloped along.

Our men got through to a detachment of infantry and a gun which came to their assistance, with a loss of two killed and four wounded, including Lieut. Bradford, who particularly distinguished himself. The Scouts estimate that they killed or wounded eight or nine Boers in the fight at close quarters.—Reuter.

KITCHENER'S PROCLAMATION.

Boers continue to surrender in small numbers, says Reuter's Johannesburg correspondent, in all parts of the country, and many more would do so if the proclamation were shown to the burghers by the field cornets, and not mutilated. As matters stand, the men are distrustful, and hesitate to come in.

An attack was made on Belfast last night, and was easily repulsed. Firing commenced at 11 p.m. in thick weather, and was maintained throughout the night, but enemy never got near our defences, and withdrew at dawn.

During the attack one woman and two children in the refugee camp were wounded. Enemy's losses unknown.

Gen. Blood's columns are working towards Ermelo.

On Sept. 11 Benson surprised a laager, capturing 31 prisoners.

Yesterday Kekewich captured 26, including Field-Cornet Klopfer, in the Magaliesberg, just to the east of Oliphant's Nek.

On Sept. 10 Gilbert Hamilton, after an 80-mile ride to the west of Schoon Spruit, captured 25 prisoners, with 100 remounts going to Kemp.

The remaining columns in the Transvaal have come into line to re-fit.

In Orange River Colony Elliot's column, working to the east of Winburg, have encountered slight opposition.

Plumer has pushed bulk of enemy from Zastron district to the north of Weenen, and is following.

Knox's columns are clearing the remainder of the district to the east of railway and north of the Orange River Colony.

In Cape Colony no change.

BOERS "HOLD UP" A POST-MASTRESS.

Cape Town, Sept. 19.—It is officially announced that Miss Walton, post-mistress at Vanwyk'skloof, was held up last night, by a dozen Boers. She refused to give up the keys or divulge telegrams, in spite of the threats of the Boers. The Post Office was broken into and burned.—Exchange Co.

COLONIALS CALLED OUT

THE EXPECTED RAID ON NATAL

Durban, Sept. 18.—In view of an expected raid into Natal by the enemy, the Governor issued orders to-day calling out for military service, the Natal Field Artillery, the Natal Carabiniers, the Natal Mounted Rifles, and the Umvati Mounted Rifles.—Reuter.

TO MOBILISE AT PIETERMARITZBURG.

Durban, Sept. 19 (Afternoon).—As a sequel to a series of sinister rumours, all the Mounted Volunteers and Field Artillery of Natal have again been put for military service.

"Gazette Extraordinary," issued to-day, publishes an order from the Governor to the effect that increased military activity in this Colony is assured. The troops are to mobilise at Pietermaritzburg to-morrow, and immediate operations are expected in the north of the Colony. Further details are for the present withheld by the military authorities.—Central News.

BOER CONCENTRATION.

Pretoria, Sept. 19.—The Boers are shown a tendency to concentrate.

Gen. Louis Botha is reported in the vicinity of the Natal border with 1,500 men.

The northern districts are almost clear of bodies of the enemy, and the ring of country which has been cleared round Pretoria extends to Rustenburg, and includes the Magaliesberg.

These Western districts have been cleared with the assistance of Barton's and Allenby's columns, which are now in Pretoria refitting.

Allenby's column, however, goes out again in a different direction almost immediately.

Otherwise the general situation is little changed.

THE WOMEN OF SWARNSDORP

and capture has not been effected by Lord Kitchener's Proclamation, and with few exceptions the different British columns continue their harassing tactics against the enemy.

Eastward the enemy's snipers hover round the railway to Komati Poort, but owing to the excellent system of defence in force here, they meet with little success.

In the Orange River Colony, the districts near the railway are clear of the enemy, and it has been found possible to expedite the mail service.

The journey between Cape Town and Pretoria, including a night spent at Bloemfontein, is now accomplished in three days and three nights. Many captured Boers continue to arrive at Bloemfontein from Fouriesberg and other districts.—Central News.

FIGHTING NEAR VRYBURG.

Vryburg, Sept. 19.—Fighting took place at Zoutlief, to the north of Vryburg, on the 16th inst., between a British force consisting of local troops and Imperial Yeomanry, and the rebel commandants.—Reuter.

OFFICER SHOT DEAD.

Naaspoort, Sept. 19.—On the evening of the 16th, a small party under Lieut. Gordon-Robow, Grenadier Guards, consisting of detachments drawn from several posts along the railway line, east of Hanover Road, moved out during a downpour of rain, with the object of surrounding a farmhouse in the neighbourhood, where Boers were stated to be in hiding.

The expedition was carried out, but nobody was found at the farm-house.

The party then returned to their different posts, splitting into three portions. One of these consisting of nine men, accompanied Lieut. Gordon-Robow, who, perceiving another farmhouse near the road, marched towards it, to see whether any of the enemy remained.

The small party was attacked by a superior force of the enemy and a fight ensued. One man was killed and three were wounded, while a sergeant, who attempted to swim the river, was drowned. Lieut. Robow refused to surrender, and was shot dead at close range.—Reuter.

LIST OF CASUALTIES.

DEATHS FROM DISEASE & WOUNDS.

The following deaths due to disease where not otherwise stated, are reported:

Imperial Military Railways:—Civilian Checker Weston, hemorrhage lungs, Bloemfontein, Sept. 6. Prince of Wales's L.H. 22/7 Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Deventer, Sept. 14. Attached A.C.C.: Civilian Walter Neuberger, pneumonia, Cape Town, Sept. 15. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 16. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 17. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 18. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 19. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 20. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 21. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 22. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 23. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 24. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 25. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 26. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 27. Corp. J. George, Bright's disease, Cape Town, Sept. 28. Corp. J. 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